

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION - ART GROUP 1763**

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                           |
|                             | : | Examiner: Anna M. Crowell |
| TOSHIYASU SHIRASUNA ET AL.  | ) |                           |
|                             | : | Art Unit: 1763            |
| Application No.: 10/729,005 | ) |                           |
|                             | : | Confirmation No.: 9109    |
| Filed: December 8, 2003     | ) |                           |
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| For: PLASMA TREATMENT       | ) |                           |
| METHOD AND PLASMA           | : |                           |
| TREATMENT APPARATUS         | ) | September 28, 2007        |

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

(a) Introductory Comments

In response to the final Official Action of June 28, 2007, kindly amend the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 as follows: